



**STATEMENT OF PROCEEDINGS FOR THE
REGULAR MEETING OF THE
LOS ANGELES COUNTY
BUSINESS LICENSE COMMISSION**

**KENNETH HAHN HALL OF ADMINISTRATION
500 WEST TEMPLE STREET, ROOM 374-A
LOS ANGELES, CALIFORNIA 90012**

Wednesday, August 24, 2011

9:00 AM

- 7. Hearing on recommendation to deny renewal of Food Establishment Business License ID #132194, for Eddie's Liquor, Seung H. Hong, owner located at 5024 E. Whittier Blvd., Los Angeles, CA 90022 in the First District. (11-3824)**

Cristina Hernandez, Treasurer and Tax Collector's Office (TTC), reported that this application is being recommended for denial by the Sheriff's Department. Deputy Scott Hennessy, Sheriff's Department reported he has been in communication with the licensee and consultants and has reached an agreement to most of the conditions offered by the consultant except for one. Deputy Hennessy stated that issues are being addressed and there are no longer any objections to issuing the license provided the owner continues to make progress. He explained that the main issues were loitering of transients and consumption of alcohol on the premises and suggested the early morning sales of alcohol and the vacant rear parking lot may be contributing factors in attracting transients. He is aware that the property owner is planning to redevelop the location and will work with him to expedite the process. Although the situation has improved within the last month, Deputy Hennessy recommended sales of alcoholic beverages start later in the day.

Dante Charleston, Figueroa Management Group (FMG), representative of Mr. Hong reported there has been good interaction with law enforcement in addressing the issues. Mr. Charleston provided the Commission a packet which included a Security and Operations Plan with Voluntary Conditions for Eddie's Liquor which states that Mr. Hong and employees will attend an ABC training program on the purchase and sale of alcohol. He detailed the redevelopment plans included in the packet, and reiterated the remodeled location will bring more pedestrian activity making it less attractive to transients. Nathan Freeman, FMG added that the property owner purchased the property about a year ago and is pending County approvals to move forward with his plans.

Seung H. Hong, owner of Eddie's Liquor reported that he does not sell directly to transients; in most instances they have someone else purchase alcohol for them. On one occasion he was able to review surveillance video and identify the person making the purchase, he was then able to refuse the sale to that individual. He will continue to do his part in monitoring sales however, these situations are difficult to control. Frank Pashani, property owner informed the Commission of his intentions of improving the location and reported that the final plan has been approved, and is only pending permits. Jose Perez, local resident and employee stated he will keep the location clean.

Nathan Freeman, FMG confirmed the store opens at 6:30 a.m. Deputy Hennessy recommended a review in 6 months.

President Afriat asked the applicant if he agreed to the conditions reviewed. Mr. Hong agreed.

After discussion, on motion of Secretary Vasquez, seconded by President Afriat, the Commission referred the applicant back to TTC. TTC agreed to issue the license with the following conditions:

1. Any graffiti painted or marked upon the premises or on any adjacent area under the control of the Petitioner(s) shall be removed or painted over within 24 hours of being applied.
2. The petitioner (s) shall be responsible for keeping the premises and any adjacent area under the control of the Petitioner (s) free of litter.
3. No alcoholic beverage shall be consumed on the licensed premises under the control of the licensees.
4. No pay phone will be maintained on the interior or exterior of the premises.
5. Petitioners shall regularly police the area under their control in an effort to prevent the loitering of persons about the premises.
6. All employees shall complete the Alcoholic Beverage Control (ABC) License Education on Alcohol & Drugs (LEAD) Program.

7. A sign will be posted to notify customers they must be born on or before "a particular date" (i.e. 21 years old) in order to be sold alcohol.

8. Single cups, glasses, containers (paper, plastic, etc) or individual small plastic bags of ice shall not be sold at any time.

9. Sales of alcohol beverages to visibly intoxicated persons shall be prohibited.

10. There shall be no video or amusement arcade game machines within the subject location.

11. The applicant shall maintain an electronic video surveillance security system in the subject location and directed on the site parking lot. Records of shall be maintained a minimum of thirty (30) days and made available to County of Los Angeles, ABC and local law enforcement for review upon request within the stated time frame.

12. The owner shall post signs in two (2) conspicuous locations identifying the name and contact information (phone number) of store staff who will be responsible to responding to community questions and issues.

13. The owner shall post "We ID" stickers on the entry door and posters on the security glass at the pay point station.

14. The owner/operator shall contact the local law enforcement agency on a monthly basis via e-mail, telephonically (including voicemail) and or written correspondence to ensure compliance with the voluntary Conditions noted herein, and to advise same relative to changing conditions of the neighborhood, community and environment. Said calls shall not represent a "call for service" and used as examples for additional Conditions or citations issued.

15. No alcohol is to be sold until 7:00 am

16. Six Month Commission Review

Ayes: 4 - President Afriat, Vice President Campbell, Secretary Vasquez and Commissioner Lee

Excused: 1 - Commissioner Barger

Attachments: [SUPPORTING DOCUMENT](#)